



Town of Seekonk

Massachusetts

Board of Assessors

PAUL K. BUCKLEY, CHAIRMAN
JOYCE SOLOMON, VICE CHAIRMAN
EDWARD F. MCGOVERN, CLERK

LYDIA A. CORDEIRO, TOWN ASSESSOR

REGULAR MINUTES

December 16, 2021 @ 5:36 PM

Chairman, Paul K. Buckley called the Board of Assessors Regular Meeting to order on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 5:36 PM. In attendance were Paul K. Buckley, Chairman, Joyce Solomon, Vice Chairman, Edward F. McGovern, Clerk, Lydia A. Cordeiro, Town Assessor and Maureen Hasenfus, Assistant Town Assessor.

1. Approval of Regular Session Minutes of November 18, 2021:

Edward F. McGovern reviewed the November 18, 2021 Regular Session Minutes, indicating amendments need to be made to clarify the votes that were made. Paul K. Buckley stated that the minutes can be amended. A motion was made by Joyce Solomon, seconded by Paul K. Buckley to accept the November 18, 2021 Regular Session Minutes, contingent upon the amendments indicated by Edward F. McGovern are made. Accepted by a 2-1 vote.

The Vote: The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye; Joyce Solomon – Aye; Edward F. McGovern – Abstain.

2. Sign the FY'22 Classification Tax Allocation Sheet:

Town Assessor, Lydia A. Cordeiro informed the board this is the classification sheet the Seekonk Board of Selectmen signed at the FY'22 Classification Hearing, and the Board of Assessors need to sign it as well. The Board of Assessors signed the FY'22 Classification Tax Allocation Sheet.

3. Review/sign the FY'22 Warrants & Commitments for Real Property, Personal Property, Community Preservation Act & Septic Betterments:

The Board of Assessors reviewed and signed the FY'22 Warrants and Commitments for Real Property, Personal Property, Community Preservation Act and Septic Betterments.

4. Community Speaks:

None at this time.

5. Executive Session:

A motion was made by the Edward F. McGovern, seconded by Paul K. Buckley and Joyce Solomon to go into Executive Session to:

- a. Approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 18, 2021
- b. Review/Sign Approve/Deny Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Report for November 2021, Real Property, Motor Vehicle Exemption and Abatement Applications pursuant to G.L.c 30A Section 21(a) (7) and G.L.c.59, Section 60; as having this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Board's litigating position.
- c. Discuss Chapter Land Application for Map 14, Lot 78

d. Adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Session

Accepted by a 3-0 vote.

The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye; Joyce Solomon – Aye; Edward F. McGovern – Aye.

The Board of Assessors went into Executive Session at 5:43 PM.

(To return to Regular Session)

A motion was made by the Paul Buckley to reopen the Regular Session at 6:20 PM.

Accepted by a 3-0 vote.

The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye; Joyce Solomon – Aye; Edward F. McGovern – Aye.

The Board of Assessors returned to Regular Session at 6:20 PM.

6. **Review Chapter Land Laws:**

The Board of Assessors will table this item.

7. **Review/sign New Chapter Land Tax Liens for Map 5, Lot 91 & Map 23, Lot 22:**

Assistant Town Assessor, Maureen Hasenfus reviewed the Chapter Land Liens with the board. The lien for Map 5, Lot 91 was not previously recorded, and Map 23, Lot 22 qualifies for Chapter 61, having approval from the MA State Forestry.

The Board of Assessors reviewed and signed the Chapter Land Tax Liens for Map 5, Lot 91 and Map 23, Lot 22.

8. **Discuss Monthly Report:**

Town Assessor, Lydia A. Cordeiro reviewed the Monthly report with the board. The Assessor informed the board that gave the Assistant Assessor her six-month evaluation, where she will be assigned goals and objectives. She has also been meeting with the Residential/Commercial Consultant to review sales analysis and land tables to possibly make changes for the upcoming year. The FY'22 New Growth has been approved by the Department of Revenue for certification. Septic Betterments have been balanced, and there are only have 15 remaining. The staff has also been working in Train in FY'23, because there will up upcoming updates to both Munis and iasWorld.

Paul K. Buckley informed the board members, in order to see an evaluation; an appointment now has to be made with the Town Administrators Office to review it. He also informed the board that if there is a question, to contact the Town Administrators Office. Edward F. McGovern, noting that he is not sure if it applies to the Assistant Assessor, stated that according to a new open government ruling, individuals whom are direct reports to a public board, his/her evaluations are to be made public. Paul K. Buckley mentioned that there is a union contract, and has asked Edward F. McGovern to take a look into this ruling.

Edward F. McGovern made a comment that documents for the board to review need to be sent in a timelier manner to give the board members ample time to review the documents prior to the meeting. He suggested that if a document is not ready, then the item should be tabled for the following meeting.

9. **Discuss other topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the meeting:**

Nothing at this time.

10. **Schedule Next Meeting:**

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

11. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Joyce Solomon, seconded by Paul K. Buckley to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Accepted by a 3-0 vote.

The vote: Paul K. Buckley – Aye; Joyce Solomon – Aye; Edward F. McGovern – Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison Halaburda